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SUBJECT: HEADSTART2

REFERENCES:

A. (U) HQDA EXORD 070-11 - ARMY CULTURE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STRATEGY.

B. (U) COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING GUIDANCE ISAF 10 NOV 09.

C. (U) PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING GUIDANCE FORSCOM 131901ZSEP11.

1. PURPOSE: TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE HEADSTART2 LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER (DLIFLC) AND THROUGH THE ARMY LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ALMS).

2. THE HEADSTART2 PROGRAM IS AN INTRODUCTORY LEVEL DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR CULTURALLY BASED LANGUAGE EDUCATION WITHIN THE GENERAL PURPOSE FORCE (GPF). HEADSTART2 CONSISTS OF TWO UNITS CONTAINING TEN MODULES EACH. UNIT ONE (SOUND AND SCRIPT) TEACHES THE BASICS OF THE TARGET LANGUAGE IN TWENTY INTERACTIVE TASKS. UNIT TWO (MILITARY) CONSISTS OF FIFTY MISSION-SPECIFIC TASKS. THESE TASKS ARE DESIGNED ACCORDING TO MILITARY TRAINING FORMAT AND INCLUDE SCENARIOS COVERING PUBLIC SAFETY, MEDICAL SITUATIONS, BASIC COMMAND, CORDON AND SEARCH, AND GATHERING INTELLIGENCE. HEADSTART2 ALSO FEATURES OVER 100 PDFS WITH WRITING DRILLS THAT PROVIDE THE USER WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE WRITING THE TARGET SCRIPT. OTHER FEATURES MAY INCLUDE ANIMATED CAPSTONE MILITARY SCENARIOS, CULTURE NOTES, GRAMMAR NOTES, A WRITING TOOL, A SOUND RECORDER, A GLOSSARY, AND A CULTURAL RESOURCES SECTION. HEADSTART2 EXPOSES USERS TO MORE THAN 1,000 KEY TERMS AND PHRASES, AND PROVIDES USERS WITH IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TOOLS THAT THEY NEED IN PREPARATION FOR DEPLOYMENT.

3. HEADSTART2 PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) LANGUAGES ON ALMS: IRAQI ARABIC, PASHTO, AND DARI. URDU, PERSIAN FARSI, KOREAN, MANDARIN CHINESE, PORTUGUESE EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH, UZBEK, KURMANJI, SWAHILI AND PORTUGUESE BRAZILIAN ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DLIFLC HOMEPAGE.

4. USERS CAN ACCESS THE HEADSTART2 PROGRAM THROUGH THE DLIFLC HOMEPAGE [HTTP://WWW.DLIFLC.EDU/INDEX.HTML](http://www.dliflc.edu/index.html) UNDER PRODUCTS.

5. USERS CAN ACCESS THE HEADSTART2 PROGRAM THROUGH ALMS, LOG IN TO AKO AND SELECT "MY TRAINING" FROM THE SELF SERVICE DROP-DOWN MENU. THE ALMS IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE "MY EDUCATION" PAGE IN AKO. ON EITHER PAGE, LOCATE THE ALMS BOX AND CLICK ON THE ALMS LOGO. FROM THE ALMS HOMEPAGE YOU MAY CLICK THE ALMS TUTORIAL LINK TO GAIN INSIGHT OF ALMS FUNCTIONALITY. THE ALMS TUTORIAL LINK IS LOCATED IN THE "LINKS" BOX. FROM THE ALMS HOMEPAGE YOU MAY CLICK THE ALMS TUTORIAL LINK TO GAIN INSIGHT OF ALMS FUNCTIONALITY. THE ALMS TUTORIAL LINK IS LOCATED IN THE "LINKS" BOX. COURSEWARE CAN BE LAUNCHED FROM WITHIN THE ENROLLMENTS PAGE ACCESSED VIA THE "CURRENT ENROLLMENTS" BOX, OR FROM THE "TRAINING" TAB. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN USING ALMS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARMY TRAINING HELP DESK (ATHD), [HTTPS://ATHD.ARMY.MIL](https://athd.army.mil), AND USE THE "ASK A QUESTION / SUBMIT A COMMENT" TAB TO ACCESS HELP." UPON COMPLETION OF THE HEADSTART2 PROGRAM SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT IN ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES SYSTEM (ATRRS). SOLDIERS MUST BE REGISTERED IN ATRRS BEFORE THEY TAKE THE TRAINING ON ALMS. SOLDIERS MAY REGISTER FOR AN ATRRS ACCOUNT AT [HTTPS://ATRRS.ARMY.MIL](https://atrrs.army.mil).

6. THE ARMY TRAINING DIRECTORATE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE IS HQDA, DCS G-3/5/7 (DAMO-TRL) FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEAM, DSN 224-9839, COMM: 703-614-9839, EMAIL: OASLA@CONUS.ARMY.MIL

7. EXPIRATION OF THIS POLICY CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.